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Journalist reveals psychics' secrets

Critically acclaimed author shares ideas on 'false claims'

by ELIOT PARKER
reporter

Dan Korem has seen and interviewed people who claim they have a variety of supernatural talents. His experiences have taught him one thing: love the truth.

Korem shared his message and experiences with students Wednesday evening in a lecture sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ. A crowd of students listened attentively and participated in demonstrations aimed at providing examples of how the public can be

fooled by false claims of supernatural power.

The critically acclaimed author, documentary producer and independent investigative journalist has interviewed and filmed confessions of persons claiming to possess special powers that can manipulate objects and heal afflicted people.

"In every case that I have investigated — and there are hundreds in the United States and Europe — we found that people are outright faking they have powers," Korem said.

Since 1981, Korem has investigated claims of supernatural

occurrences across the globe. He said he has read more than 10,000 books about magic and demonstrations used to fool the public.

In 1983, Gallup polls indicated that 70 percent of U.S. citizens believed that objects could be moved by telekinesis, a common trick used by false magicians.

One individual became the subject of a documentary exposing fraudulent supernatural activity. Korem and his team discovered the truth about the false claim.

"We met a man named James Hiderick in 1981 who said he could rotate a dollar bill in a glass case using his mind, so we studied his claims," Korem said.

Korem's research would show that a small crease at the base of the glass case was used by Hiderick to rotate the dollar bill.

Hiderick blew a stream of air onto the dollar bill to make it rotate.

The discovery of Hiderick's trick was made into a documentary titled "Psychic Confession." Following the broadcast of the documentary, another Gallup poll showed only 17 percent of U.S. citizens believed in psychics. Portions of the documentary were shown during the lecture.

Korem told the audience that people who try to manipulate others into believing in supernatural powers come from ruptured homes. "Most psychics have come from a poor family life or have an unmerciful father," he said. "Forty million kids today have suffered divorce, separation and abuse living in a dysfunctional home."

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photo by Mike Andrick

Dan Korem hands out cards to students during a demonstration showing the fraudulent nature of psychics.

'Steelin' the show

Depression-era musical lights up Keith Albee stage

by SHALLON JONES
reporter

Three meals a day and a bed to sleep on for free seems like a pretty good deal during the Great Depression.

The only catch is you have to dance for three weeks straight to get it.

"Steel Pier" came to the Keith-Albee Theatre Wednesday night as part of the Marshall Artists Series (MAS). The play concentrated on a real part of history that few people talk about.

"I come to all the events because I enjoy theatre, it is included in our fees and it is something to do," Justin R. Ingery, Van sophomore chemistry major, said.

The play was set at the historic Steel Pier in Atlantic City, N.J., in 1933 and centered on a three-week old dance contest. The prize was \$2,000. The cost was the dancers' health.

Several couples competed and did everything to try to win.

Veteran dancer Cathy S. Layne, Fairmont first-year medical student,

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photo by Mike Andrick

Rita Racine, played by Connie SaLoutos, performs "Willing to Ride," at "Steel Pier" Wednesday at the Keith-Albee Theatre.

Faculty Senate to continue parking problem debate today

by ANNA L. MALLORY
reporter

The debate on parking drives on at this month's Faculty Senate meeting.

The meeting is at 4 p.m. today in the Alumni Lounge of the Memorial Student Center.

The Senate is voting on equalizing parking fees on all campuses in the Marshall University system.

According to the recommendation from the Physical Facilities and Planning Committee, parking fees are not charged at the Marshall University Graduate School in South Charleston. Whether fees exist at other university satellite sites is unknown.

Donathan

Donna Donathan, Faculty Senate president, said she thinks there are legitimate questions regarding the parking situation, but there are different situations to think about.

"Parking is not a one-size-fits-all situation," she said.

Other issues to think about are the differences among the campuses.

One variance among campuses is the landscape. The Graduate College sits on a hill with no public parking. Marshall's Huntington campus provides options for its faculty members that the Graduate College faculty members do not have.

"I'll bet that the parking issue will take up the most time at the meeting. It will be kind of interesting to see the response," she said.

The Executive Committee

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Al, Tipper Gore scheduled to campaign in Charleston

by ARRON PENDLETON
reporter

With the general election two weeks away, electoral votes are becoming increasingly important in this political tug-of-war for the presidency.

Tipper Gore, wife of presidential candidate Al Gore, will make her second campaign stop in West Virginia today.

Al Gore will arrive in Charleston tonight and is scheduled to speak Friday.

She first visited Charleston in the spring.

At 5 p.m. today, she will be speaking at Robert C. Byrd High School in Clarksburg. Seating for this event is first come first served.

Al Gore will be making his first campaign stop in Charleston.

Al Gore will arrive at 11 p.m. today at Yeager Airport.

There will be a rally to welcome him.

A bigger rally is scheduled for Friday on the Capitol steps. The gates will open at 8:30 a.m. Music starts at 9 a.m. and a series of speakers will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Speakers include Sen. Jay Rockefeller, Congressman and gubernatorial candidate Bob Wise and United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) President Cecil Roberts.

Al Gore is scheduled to speak at 10:30 a.m.

A ticket is required to get in to attend the rally. All tickets are free and can be picked up in advance at the Teamsters in Kanawha City, the UMWA on Kanawha Boulevard or the West Virginia Democratic Headquarters at 405 Capitol St.

Advanced tickets are also available at the Putnam, Cabell, and Raleigh County Democratic Headquarters.

Tickets may be picked up at the day of the event at the Capitol as well.

SGA hopefuls say their piece in bi-partisan debate

by SARA E. PAYNE
reporter

Only seven candidates out of about 30 students who applied for the available Student Government Association seats were present at the SGA debate Wednesday.

And that still was the most successful fall debate in more than 15 years.

"This year's debate was very successful because normally only one or two candidates attend the fall debate," SGA President Bill Walker said. "We would have had seven more candidates here; however, several fraternities were working on a local haunted house."

The Young Democrats and the College Republicans sponsored the SGA debate.

Questions ranged from the students' opinions of Buskirk Bash to how candidates would help to improve their colleges.

"The debate went really

well," Election Commissioner Jason Southall said. "I was very impressed with the insightful views that each of the candidates had."

The seven students were Justin M. Elkins, junior biology major; Robert David McCloud, senior secondary education major; Leah A. Clay, senior theater-design major; Melissa D. Nenni, political science major; Kevin B. Edmonds, biology and chemistry major; Donnie Robinson, chemistry major; Jimmie "Jimbo" Boyd, regents major.

College Republican President Kristy Hays and Young Democrats President Derek Scarbro acted as the moderators for the event. Each candidate had one minute to answer the question and one minute for rebuttal.

Hays and Scarbro questioned the candidates on why students should vote for them.

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Gulf crisis hits home for Marshall student

by LUKE DAMRON
reporter

For many Marshall students the Oct. 12 terrorist attack on the USS Cole was just another news story on a day when the Middle East seemed to erupt in violence.

For Brian Eerenberg, however, it was the most important thing in the world.

Brian's brother Timmy was on the ship at the time of the attack. Brian and his family didn't know what had happened to Timmy for eight or nine hours after they found out about the attack.

"The thing that was hardest about it was not knowing," said Brian, a senior legal studies major from Hinton.

At the time of the explosion, Timmy was in the ship's galley, directly above the engine room where the ship was struck.

Of the seven sailors in the galley at the time, only three survived the attack.

Timmy had just walked to the far side of the galley when

"The thing that was hardest about it was not knowing."

Brian Eerenberg, on awaiting news of his brother Timmy's status after the attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors

the explosion hit, demolishing 3/4 of the room. He was knocked unconscious in the blast and sustained a concussion along with several cuts and bruises, Brian said.

After recovering, Timmy wandered into another room where the ceiling collapsed on about 10 people, Brian said.

After searching his way through that room, he went back into the galley, where, he told Brian, he crawled over two or three of his friends before trying to jump into the water and swim to shore. As he was about to jump, some other sailors grabbed him and took him off the ship.

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Pier

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said, "I am impressed with all the different styles of dance and how well they perform it."

The crowd whistled and cheered loudly for Shelby Stevens, played by Heidi Blickenstaff, when she sang "Everybody's Girl" in the first act of the play. She was trying to get the crowd at the dance contest to throw her coins, but her act was brought to an abrupt stop when Precious McGuire, played by Amy Goldberger, faked an injury. Shelby's solo was a sexy number for the period, and the audience egged her on.

The contest was all a scam. In the end, Rita Racine, played by Connie SaLoutos, finds that she can survive on her own as long as she does not quit dreaming.

"This was better than the plays I have seen because they are professional in the way they express themselves, their movements and the way they

dance," Mandy L. Worsham, Huntington junior elementary education major, said.

Jonathan W. Dunn, Nitro physical education masters student, said, "I think the singing was excellent, and the acting was good too. I am impressed with their clarity because I can hear every thing they say, and sometimes you don't get that."

Ian M. McQuinn, Poca sophomore business major, said, "The more I go to, the more I enjoy the performances. They are never what you expected. I've never been into musicals before, but I really enjoyed the talent and caliber of this cast."

"Steel Pier" was sponsored by the MAS, WOWK-TV and Sunny 92.7.

The next MAS event is the "Capitol Steps," which is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Keith-Albee Theatre. The final event is the Kenny Rogers "Christmas from the Heart," which is scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Huntington Civic Arena.

Gulf

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Timmy was then airlifted to a military hospital in Germany where he stayed for 24 hours before being flown to Virginia where he was again admitted for observation.

He is now on a two-week leave before either being stationed in Norfolk, Va., or back on the Cole. Neither Timmy

nor his family is happy about the latter possibility.

Brian said Timmy has said that he doesn't want to be stationed back on the ship. His mother is also upset about Timmy being placed back on the Cole.

"We're worried about how he's going to feel psychologically when he gets back on," Brian said.

The Cole was struck by an exploding boat on Oct. 12.

Seventeen sailors were killed and 38 others were injured.

Senate

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of the Senate, the group that decides what goes on the meeting's agenda, had a disagreement between members about making this an issue on which to vote.

Chuck Bailey, a representative from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said he didn't think the committee had enough information to back up the proposed vote.

"We don't even know what kind of fees exist. A fee of zero is no fee," he said.

Other opposition to the proposal comes from the Graduate College faculty.

Thomas Hankins, former liaison to the senate from the college, said, "I understand the desire to equalize the situation, but putting permits on the cars in our lot is unworkable. I see having the same restrictions, but not all the requirements."

According to Hankins, the

Graduate School's lot is largely a visitors' lot and holds only about 200 cars. The college has been host to several groups who meet on the campus and short training courses for people not enrolled in the graduate program.

Donathan agreed saying, "There will definitely need to be more information supplied."

Members of Faculty Senate will also vote on course additions and changes within the College of Liberal Arts.

English courses in Crime Literature, Women Writers, and an Internship in English would be added if the senate and President Angel approve them. Changes in titles of english and history classes to more clearly reflect course content would be made, too.

There will also be some other recommendations from the Legislative Affairs Committee discussed.

Opinions may change Towers food

by LESLIE C. DANIELS
reporter

Twin Towers West residents recently had a chance to sample new foods and make comments and suggestions to the Twin Towers dining hall chefs and cafeteria supervisors.

Maureen Mulima, Twin Towers West (TTW) resident director, sponsored a "TTW Great Chefs" program Monday night in the TTW Glass Lounge.

"The students always have comments and suggestions," Mulima said. "We give the chef

the opportunity to get feedback and to hear the students' opinions."

Bobby Reynolds, Twin Towers food services manager, and Cheri Posey, Twin Towers food production manager, were the guest speakers.

They discussed the new kinds of food Twin Towers is offering, and they listened to comments and suggestions from residents.

Reynolds and Posey spoke to about 40 residents who attended the event.

"The menu changes every

three weeks, and we use a standard menu," Reynolds said.

The students asked many questions about the cafeteria food and offered their suggestions about the food from the creamy potato soup to requesting a change in the variety of desserts.

Reynolds and Posey also prepared a variety of food such as pepperoni pizza, breakfast pizza, ham and cheese wraps, chips and salsa, lemonade and orange drink.

"Anytime you want Odessa to omit the vegetables, just tell

her," Posey said.

Odessa Adkins, a chef at the Twin Towers cafeteria, prepares omelets, stir fry and other grilled foods for students. She has worked in the Twin Towers cafeteria for eight years.

"We have been rotating the chicken, ham and tuna salads every three weeks," she said.

Posey said she enjoyed participating in the event.

"I had a lot of fun and heard some good ideas," she said.

"I thought it was interesting, fun and nice," Tracey Brown, an Elberg biology sophomore, said.

Game allows youths to dabble in stocks

by MARTHA SNYDER
reporter

Wall Street — the hustle and bustle of noisy, busy stockbrokers, all trying to buy and sell before the final bell tolls.

This may seem like no place for children, but according to the Securities Industry Foundation for Economic Education (SIFEE), maybe it is.

SIFEE has developed a program known as the Stock Market Game for students in grades four through 12. All states can participate, and

West Virginia recently received a \$5,000 grant for financing the program.

This money will be used to help train teachers to use the game and to help schools pay the fees necessary to participate.

"Students are separated into teams," Dr. Neil Arneson, director of the Center of Economic Education, said. "Each team is given a hypothetical \$100,000 to invest in stocks over a period of 10 weeks."

The stocks can be anything that the students choose, as

long as they are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange or the NASDAQ. After investment, the teams check the numbers over the Internet to see if any changes have occurred.

"This game not only teaches students about economics and the stock market, it also makes them aware of the news going on around them," Arneson said. "These events can affect the market and they see that and try to understand why."

The winner of the game receives a prize. The team with the best return on their money will get a real check for \$200 to \$400 to be split among the members.

"We have passed the three week mark, and Mercer County is in first place," Arneson said. "They have made a 16 percent increase of their money. They went from \$100,000 to \$116,000 in just three weeks. I participate in this game myself and they even beat me. I am in third place."

Korem

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Korem's message to Marshall students was more than supernatural phenomena. He stressed priorities and the positive aspects of a spiritual relationship with God to the crowd.

"I made a decision to put God first, family second, me third and work fourth," Korem said.

David Lootens, staff member of the Campus Crusade

for Christ said he was pleased with the students interest in Korem's message.

"I am excited that students are interested in spiritual things, but they need to look to reputable sources and not everything out there appears to be powerful," Lootens said.

Kristin Humphreys, graduate student from Cross Lanes was impressed with Korem.

"I never believed in psychics, but if I did, he was very convincing," she said.

Debate

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"Liberal Arts is a big college and I want help to get students to work together for the same mission," Nenni said.

Boyd said that Marshall

needs more involvement on campus. "We have a lot of apathy and we still get people complaining all of the time," Boyd said. "I think that the best way to stop the complaints is to get students more involved."

SGA elections are Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in the MSC's lobby. All students can vote.

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Herd ready to haunt Marco's

by WILLIAM FREANEY
reporter

The "Haunted Herd Halloween Bash" is scheduled for Halloween night at Marco's in the Memorial Student Center.

The event is a community service project hosted by the Athletic Department. It is designed to raise money and collect canned foods for the city mission. The Student Athletic Advisory Committee is sponsoring the fund-raiser.

For the past two years, the fund-raiser was held during December as the Christmas Dance. The event was previously open only to student-ath-

letes, but this year it is open to everyone.

Michelle Sammarco, a graduate assistant for the Challenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success (CHAMPS) Life Skills Program, has been heavily involved in preparation for the event. She is helping coordinate it by passing out flyers, selling tickets, collecting canned foods and setting up the decorations.

"We want to encourage everyone to get involved with this, which is why we are doing it for the whole school this year," Sammarco said. "It is a good cause and a chance

for the athletes to interact with everyone."

Admission will be either \$3 and three canned goods, or \$6. The party will begin at 9 p.m. and conclude at midnight.

Free refreshments and chips will be served. A disc jockey will be on hand to provide the entertainment.

Beatrice Crane, associate athletic director, said several games and contests are planned for the evening, including a costume contest. More events will be planned in the days leading up to the fund-raiser.

Members of athletic teams at Marshall participate in var-

ious types of community service projects every year, such as visiting sick children in the hospital.

Crane said the "Haunted Herd Halloween Bash" is one of the more beneficial of all the community services they participate in.

"I am proud of our student-athletes for taking time out of their schedules and getting involved," Crane said.

Several student-athletes will be in the Memorial Student Center today and Thursday selling tickets. Two or three representatives from each team will be present from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

GOIN' OFF



photo by Mike Andrick

Travis Yednak, Clarksburg sophomore, takes his Jeep off roading at Beech Fork State Park.

Legislature taking intern applications

by ANNA L. MALLORY
reporter

Students tired of selling clothes or flipping burgers may have an alternative when looking for places to work in the future.

The West Virginia Legislature is accepting applications for student interns for the next legislative session.

The session will last from early January through early March.

According to a news release from the Office of the Legislative Intern Committee, there are five positions available.

The release said the internships are for students who will assist lawmakers and legislative staff during the regular session.

"Work experience they (the interns) gain along with their academic credit may help make the transition from college to the working world a bit easier," Delegate Joe Martin said.

The internships are open to

students from any major. All students are welcome to apply for any of the positions.

"The experience students receive is beneficial no matter what career path they intend to pursue," State Senator Roman Prezioso said.

For students who might think government is not for them, the Legislative Intern Committee thinks otherwise.

"The enhanced education and work experience, along with the ability to understand the political process will not only foster student growth, but provide a trust in our democratic government," the release said.

It also said an experience at the Legislature would open a door of opportunity to becoming more aware of the political system in America.

Completed applications are due Oct. 31. For more detailed information, Susan Canfield, John Mullins, or Charlene Glogola can be reached at (304) 340-3307.

New staff members learn ins and outs of Marshall

by NICOLE R. PICKENS
reporter

The role of staff members and the benefits available to them were explained Tuesday to new staff members at an employee orientation.

The six-hour program sponsored by Human Resource Services (HRS) was offered to staff hired from July 1 to Oct. 1. Judy Blevins, training and development specialist, said.

"It is not an on-the-job orientation," Blevins said. All staff go through an employment orientation when they are hired, she said.

"This helps them understand the organization of the university," Blevins said.

The program is intended to explain to staff members how their jobs fit into the overall context of Marshall, she said.

All of the departments are connected, and all aspects are important to the university's success, Sarah Denman, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs said.

"You are the backbone of this university," Denman said to the staff members.

Staff members can contribute to making the university climate friendly to students and visitors, she said. The staff represents the university to people on and off of the campus.

"Word of mouth is the most powerful ad campaign," she said.

Those attending the program also received information about their employee benefits, Blevins said. Consulting Officer Jay Mahoney explained investing and retirement options.

Speakers included Denman; Dr. H. Keith Spears, assistant to the president and vice president for university communications; Lance West, director of athletics and HRS staff.

Thirty staff members were eligible for the session and 14 attended, Blevins said.

A continental breakfast and lunch were provided for the participants, she said.

briefly...

Green Acres of Lesage's annual Fall Festival begins at 9 a.m. today. Local country singer Josh Jones will perform a benefit concert at 10 a.m.

and 1 p.m. Jones invited Marshall's Kappa Alpha Order and Phi Mu sorority to assist in the activities. Call 762-2522 for directions.

Corrections

■ In yesterday's article, "Greeks try to clear up Saturday altercation", the wrong Greek body was named.

The article should have read, "people attending parties at the Alpha Tau Omega, Pi Kappa Alpha and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity houses became aware of two individuals getting into a verbal dispute."

■ In the article "Students step for cash, bragging rights," which appeared in the Oct. 24 issue, Natasha Caines, a Delta Sigma Theta member from West Virginia State College, was incorrectly identified.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority wore fuschia shirts. Omega Psi Phi wanted to perform last because it is a tradition. They did not get to, so they performed outside.

MATH & ENGLISH CHALLENGE PLACEMENT EXAMS

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A.	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
	October 31, 2000	2:00 PM	Community and Technical College
	November 1, 2000	and 4:30 PM each day	135

Students may take only one exam per time period.

B. Information about the online Placement Exams is available at <http://www.marshall.edu/ctc>
Click on CURRENT STUDENTS and then click on PLACEMENT EXAMS.

C. In addition to these dates, a limited number of alternative dates and times are available by appointment only in the MCTC Advising Center in the lower level of the Community and Technical College Building. Please call 696-7047 for an appointment.

Students must have the following items to be admitted to the on-campus placement exam session:

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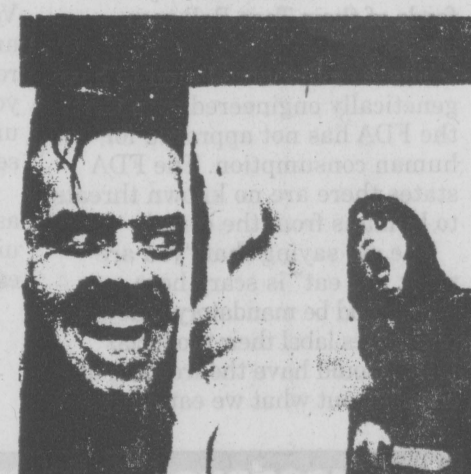
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OUR views

Parking fees must take campuses into consideration

Marshall's campuses are quite diverse.

There's the main campus in Huntington, the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine on Hal Greer Boulevard next to Cabell Huntington Hospital, the Graduate College in South Charleston and regional learning centers in Gilbert, Teays Valley, Point Pleasant and Mount Gay.

At 4 p.m. today, the Faculty Senate will debate and vote on the issue of equalizing parking fees on all of Marshall's campuses.

Each campus and regional learning center serves different educational niches. The Huntington campus educates a myriad of students pursuing several different degrees. The Graduate College is for graduate students.

Each campus has different needs, whether it is more buildings, more rooms, more professors or more students.

Finally, not all campuses have the same parking situations.

As Faculty Senate President Donna Donathan said, "Parking is not a one-size-fits-all situation."

We understand why some people might think Marshall's campuses should be managed as similarly as possible. But, parking (or lack thereof) is one issue that needs to be addressed on a per-campus basis.

That is why we strongly encourage Faculty Senate members to vote against equalizing parking fees for all campuses.

Sure, it might sound like a quick and easy solution, but it's not in anyone's best interest.

Others may suggest that equalizing the parking fees would spread out the parking costs, therefore making parking a little more affordable on the main campus.

Considering parking costs have gone up every year, we really don't see the prices lowering anytime soon.

We're also concerned about the faculty members who commented in the story that they were not given enough information to make an informed decision about equalizing the parking fees.

We hope enough information is available in today's meeting. If Faculty Senate members still do not feel comfortable voting on this issue, perhaps they shouldn't.

SAY WHAT?

"I never believed in psychics, but if I did, he was very convincing."

— Kristin Humphreys, commenting on Dan Korem's visit

James Harris' CATCH THE WHOLE STORY AT MARSHALL.EDU/PARTHENON



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Tuition waivers are a cost-effective benefit

At first glance, tuition waivers for dependents of faculty and staff can appear to be unfair.

However, as the Parthenon editorial pointed out, Marshall faculty and staff are unquestionably underpaid in comparison to comparable schools, while we continue to carry a higher than usual teaching load.

Although the editors' call for more equitable pay is appreciated, the funds simply are not there. Tuition waivers are a cost-effective benefit that would have clear advantages for the employees, the university and the students. Not only would such a benefit help to offset the unquestionably low pay but, as Joe Wyatt pointed out, these benefits can be an important part of recruiting and retaining quality faculty and staff, which is certainly good for the students.

PAMELA L. MULDER
guest columnist

Joe Wyatt also pointed out that schools in the surrounding states provide this type of benefit, as do a large number of colleges and universities around the country.

This type of benefit is also a common benefit in business. From the discounts offered to employees at the department store where they work to the free travel coupons given to airline employees and their families, the cost-effective option of offering currently provided goods and services to employees as a benefit is a common practice.

It is very likely that, after graduation, many Marshall stu-

dents will have a benefit of this type in their employment package.

Moreover, in deference to the scare tactics presently being used by political candidates around the country, the provision of tuition waivers as a part of a benefits package would not have to mean diverting any resources from those allocated to help needy students, nor would there be fewer merit awards. Nor is anyone suggesting that unqualified students would be admitted merely because their parents or grandparents or siblings worked at Marshall. Admission is not guaranteed as a part of these benefits, only opportunity.

It is often difficult for us to watch someone else gain something "free" that we have worked

hard for. It may initially be hard for students to support a tuition benefit for staff and faculty while they are paying for their education. But I would ask the students to remember that the staff and faculty are working hard and have been underpaid for longer than we care to remember.

The education that our students are receiving now will allow them to enter a work force where similar benefits will be available to them, and they will want to earn the most value for their hard-earned tax dollar. This is cost effective and fair, and need not deprive anyone else of anything.

Pamela L. Mulder, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the Department of Psychology.

CAMPUS views

Genetically engineered foods should be labeled

Students at Marshall University are eating genetically engineered food every time they go to the cafeteria.

Bread, cheese, french fries and soda are just a few of the foods consumed that may be genetically engineered. Genetically engineered foods are not only in our cafeteria, but they are in cafeterias, and food stores, across America. The government should give us the freedom of choice about what we eat by requiring mandatory labeling of these foods.

The FDA approves these foods, although there may be a danger to humans and the environment, from tests provided to them by the same companies who profit from the sale of the engineered seeds.

The FDA fails in providing proper regulations over these "Franken-foods," as they call them in Europe. The government does not test, or require labeling of GE foods.

An example of this poor regulation is the recent recall by Kraft foods of their Taco Bell taco shells.

These shells were found to have genetically engineered corn that the FDA has not approved for human consumption. The FDA states there are no known threats to humans from the corn.

The old saying that "you are what you eat" is scary here.

It should be mandatory that these companies label their products.

We should have the freedom of choice about what we eat. I urge

students to explore this further, and to express their feelings to their representatives and senators.

— Robert Simpson,
Marshall student and Milton resident

Tau Kappa Epsilon members thanked for helping charity

McDonald's of Huntington would like to declare our appreciation and recognition of Tau Kappa Epsilon and its members for diligently working with us to raise funds for The Children's Miracle Network and The Ronald McDonald House charities.

McDonald's and Wal-Mart sponsored a McCrussin' to raise the funds, and Tau Kappa Epsilon provided the volunteer help to operate the event. Upon the completion of the event in September 2000, Tau Kappa Epsilon had donated 146 man-hours of volunteer help at the event that generated nearly \$2,500 of revenue. The dedication, dependability and integrity of the volunteers were most impressive, and appreciated by event organizers.

I would like to express a special thanks and recognition to the following brothers of TKE: Javey Vance, Dan Parri, Derek DiCiccio and Ryan Albertson. It is most refreshing to meet and work with young men such as these who unselfishly worked with a great sense of pride and sincerity.

I am grateful to see a group such as Tau Kappa Epsilon display genuine community concern and set an example that others should follow.

— Robert Rogers,
area supervisor
McDonald's of Huntington

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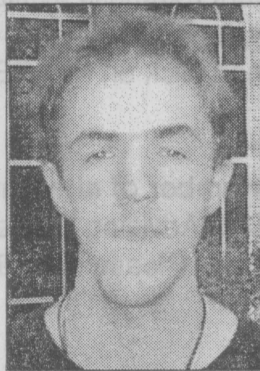
At Issue

Do you believe in ghosts? Why or why not?



"No, I don't believe in ghosts because I've never really seen one. I guess if I saw one then I would believe in it, but I've never seen one."

— Brittany Ray,
athletic training freshman from Ripley, Ohio



"Yes, because I am haunted. Entities are present around me, and I feel their presence. They guide me and help me with being creative."

— Chris Turner,
fine arts sophomore from Beckley, W.Va.



"Yes, I do believe in ghosts because my friend had one and I've experienced it. Lots of doors shutting, sort of scary, cold chills and things like that."

— James Rhodes,
biology junior from Beckley, W.Va.

— compiled by Elizabeth Lee and Daniel Caldwell

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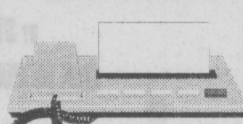
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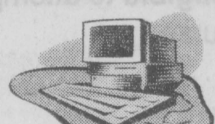
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Marshall's men's and women's soccer teams lost to Virginia Tech on Wednesday in Blacksburg, Va. Both teams were defeated 1-0.



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Herd ready for showdown with Zips

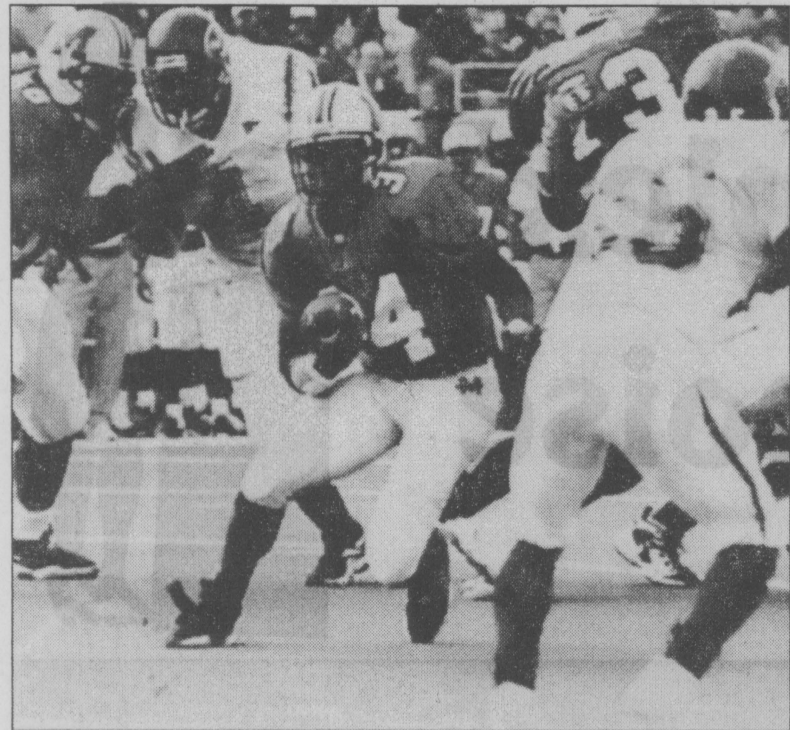


photo by Mike Andrick

The Thundering Herd football team will look to climb atop the MAC's Eastern Division standings this weekend as it takes on Akron.

by **MICHAEL S. ADAMS**
reporter

This weekend is highlighted by some of the top games this season.

The top-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers travel to Norman, Okla. to take on their archrival, the No. 3 Oklahoma Sooners in what could be the showdown in the Big XII Conference and a lock on the National Championship game.

The No. 12 Ohio State Buckeyes travel to Lafayette, Ind. to take on the No. 15 Purdue Boilermakers in a game to determine the top team in the Big Ten.

Then there is Marshall vs. Akron.

Alright, so maybe the Thundering Herd and Zips' football game doesn't carry the prominence of Nebraska and Oklahoma, but don't tell the Marshall football players.

Marshall is looking at Akron as one of the biggest games this

season. If the Thundering Herd loses to the Zips, Akron will have almost put a lock on the Mid-American Conference Eastern Division title. In that scenario, Marshall would have to hope Buffalo and Kent, the two teams at the bottom of the Eastern Division, beat the Zips.

But if Marshall wins Saturday, all it would have to do is win out the rest of the season and, still, there is room for error. The Thundering Herd could lose one game, if they beat Akron, and still hold on to the division title.

"Every game from here on out is a big game," freshman running back Franklin Wallace said. "It's championship week."

Under the new method of determining divisional championships, only the games within each team's respective division counts in the conference standings. In the event of a three-way tie, overall conference records will determine the divi-

sional champion.

For example, if Marshall, Akron and Ohio, the top three teams in the MAC Eastern Division, ended the season in a tie, their overall conference records determine the champion.

The new method benefits the Thundering Herd, due to losses against Western Division foes Western Michigan and Toledo.

"If we don't win this game it doesn't make any difference as far as the championship is concerned," Coach Bob Pruett said. "I think Akron would have probably too strong of a hold on it for anybody to overcome it."

Marshall is Akron's Homecoming game this year, the second time this season the Thundering Herd has been an opponent for homecoming. Marshall lost to Toledo 42-0 on Oct. 14 for the Rockets' Homecoming.

Akron is 46-28-2 in homecoming games. The Akron Beacon-Journal is sponsoring a "Fill the

Bowl" promotion for homecoming. Anyone who brings a canned food item will be able to purchase a ticket for \$4. The Zips are expecting a full house, something that is becoming common when the Thundering Herd comes to town.

"This is probably their biggest game this season," junior safety Michael "Kool-Aid" Owens said. "There is going to be a lot of emotion up there. The crowd is going to be in it. Everybody is looking to beat the Herd."

Akron is coming off a last-second 38-35 loss to Connecticut, a school in its first year playing in Division I-A, but Owens said the loss doesn't mean anything.

"I don't know what happened in that game," Owens said. "I watched them play Virginia Tech at the beginning of the year and they played with them."

"They are a good team. They can run and pass the ball. We just have to come ready to play," he said.

Timberwolves punished for secret salary agreement

by **CHRIS SHERIDAN**
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBA commissioner David Stern came down hard on the Minnesota Timberwolves for their secret salary agreement with Joe Smith, taking five first-round draft picks away from the team and fining them \$3.5 million.

Possible suspensions for owner Glen Taylor and general manager Kevin McHale have not yet been decided, the NBA said in a statement Wednesday.

The penalty is one of the stiffest in league history and reflects how seriously the NBA considered this offense.

Stern also voided Smith's contract, making him a free agent.

Under an arbitrator's ruling announced Monday, Stern had the right to void Smith's one-year, \$2.5 million contract. Stern went even further, voiding Smith's last two contracts and thereby stripping Smith of his Larry Bird rights, which would have allowed him to sign a lucrative extension with the Timberwolves next summer.

"They don't have the ability to do that. They're definitely trying to rewrite the arbitrator's ruling," said Smith's agent, Dan Fegan.

The NBA also asked the players' association to "impose appropriate discipline" against Eric Fleisher, Smith's former agent. A hearing must be held to determine which Timberwolves' personnel had knowledge of the secret agreement.

Although 28 other teams are free to negotiate with Smith, it seemed he was ready to re-sign with Minnesota if Stern voided his current one-year, \$2.5 million contract.

Now, Smith has no financial incentive to remain in Minnesota. He would have to play there for three more years to regain his Bird rights.

"I like it here. I've been here two years, and a month of training camp, and it would hurt both of us if I just up and leave," Smith said after an exhibition game in North Carolina on Tuesday night.

Smith made a big financial blunder earlier in his career when he turned down an extension from the Golden State Warriors worth tens of millions of dollars. He went on the market as a free agent and drew little interest before signing with the Timberwolves for \$1.75 million prior to the 1998-99 season.

The Timberwolves said the were "assessing the ruling" and had no immediate comment.



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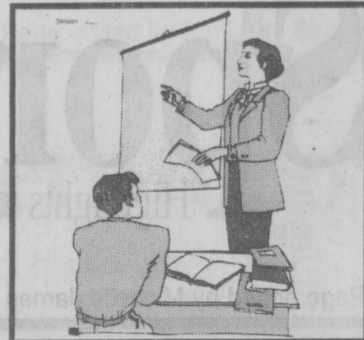
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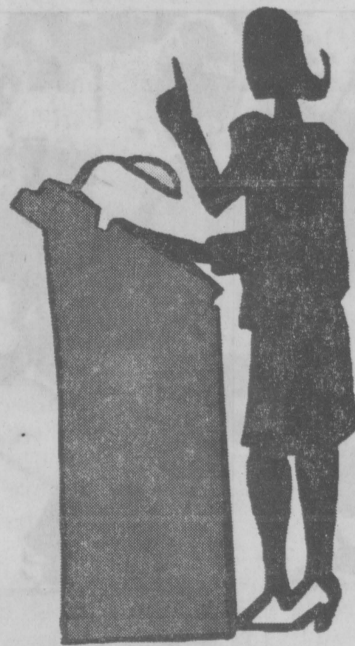
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Answering complex questions with poise



Marshall's forensic science department enjoys success at national, regional level

story and photo
by SCOTT NILES
reporter

Marshall has a forensic science department. Marshall also has a forensics department.

Huh?

"We have a joke in our department," Kristine Greenwood, director of forensics said.

"In forensics, we deal with bodies of evidence, not dead bodies."

Forensic science deals with solving crimes by using evidence and forensic speaking is the use of evidence to persuade an audience, Greenwood said.

As forensics director, Greenwood coaches the debate team and is proud of their performance at debate competitions last year.

"We belong to a state organization called the West Virginia Intercollegiate Forensics Association," Greenwood said.

"There are about seven West Virginia schools that belong to it. Their tournament was held here at Marshall in February of last year and the team did extremely well.

"[We] won the top sweepstakes award," she said.

Greenwood said the team also attended the Pi Kappa Delta championship tournament in Charleston, S.C.

"We had a really good time," Greenwood said.

"And what was amazing is our debate team for the first time competed in national parliamentary debate and took first place."

The team has already competed in some tournaments this year, Greenwood said.

"The debaters have been to King's College in Pennsylvania and Middle Tennessee State University," Greenwood said. "We brought both individual 'eventers' and three debate teams [to MTSU]."

Individuals compete in different categories than debate teams, Greenwood said.

"Students who take place in individual events compete in three different areas," Greenwood said.

"They compete in prepared public speaking, which includes informative and persuasive speeches as well as after-dinner speeches.

"They also compete in an area called oral interpretation. They can do prose, poetry, dramatic duo and dramatic interpretation.

"Dramatic interpretations are basically selections from movie scripts and plays," she said.

Parkersburg sophomore Michelle Dye is an individual competitor.

"I do poetry, prose and occasionally duo," Dye said.

"Duo is like a two person

play but you can't move your feet and you have to portray your character through emotions."

Greenwood said individuals also do two types of impromptu presentations.

One is limited preparation, where the students receive a quote or an object and are given seven minutes to prepare a speech. She said the event isn't easy.

The other kind is extemporaneous speaking, where students get a question based on current events and are allowed 30 minutes to put together a speech, Greenwood said.

The debaters compete as a team to research and attempt to resolve complex questions, Greenwood said.

Brent Heavner, member of the debate team, said the resolution for the team's next competition at Appalachian State is about whether or not the U.S. Government should substantially increase developmental assistance toward the Greater Horn of Africa.

The team must build a case for and against the resolution, Greenwood said.

Greenwood said the research skills learned on the debate team can apply to other areas of academics.

"[Debate] students find that their organizational skills improve in terms of preparing arguments," Greenwood said.

"They also learn to become pretty articulate when it comes to making their arguments."

In addition, individual competitors can strengthen their presentation skills, Greenwood said.

Heavner said the research he has done has helped him considerably in preparing term papers.

While Marshall's debate team has enjoyed success over the past two years, their history spans the last 70 years as an active student group on campus.

According to a report prepared by Greenwood for the chairman of the communications department, Marshall College created a speech department and was represented at the state Forensic Association meeting in October 1924.

A letter from President M.P. Shawkey to Mr. Hugo Blumenberg of West Virginia University indicates that WVU challenged Marshall to their first debate in February 1925.

The report shows that in 1949, a student organization called the Speak Easy was formed.

This group held weekly meetings to discuss current events and recruit members for the debate teams.

On a national level, Marshall has been a member of the forensics honorary society Pi Kappa Delta since 1950 and part of the National Forensic Association since its inception, the report states.

Also, according to the report, Marshall's debate team has found national success at the NFA and other annual tournaments throughout the 1970s, '80s and '90s.

In 1997, they placed second behind Michigan State in the East Central Regional Sweepstakes of the Cross Examination Debate Association.



Some members of Marshall's debate team meet to prepare their strategies. From left, Amber Berry, Michelle Dye, Christian Ness, Matt Johnson, Brent Heavner, Ryan McCullough, Leah Haydu and Michael Beck.

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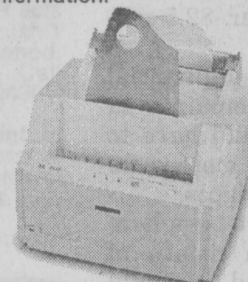
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